

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 6 and 8 and amend Claims 1, 4 and 5 as follows.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A wireless communication terminal operating based on a time division scheme and having a normal communication function between the terminal and a base station and a relay communication function between a second wireless communication terminal and the base station, the terminal comprising:

a baseband processor that spread-demodulates relay signals and spread-modulates the spread-demodulated relay signals; and

a multiplex controller performing an operation for producing a command so that the baseband processor multiplexes the spread-modulated relay signal with the other spread-modulated relay signal[.]] wherein

at a timing other than a timing when a time division communication is operated in the wireless communication terminal, the relay signals are code-multiplexed with the other relay signals.

2. (original) The wireless communication terminal according to claim 1, wherein the multiplex controller changes the operation based on a condition within a service area of the terminal.

3. (original) The wireless communication terminal according to claim 1, wherein the multiplex controller changes the operation in response to an instruction from the base station.

4. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]The~~ wireless communication terminal operating based on a time division scheme and having a normal communication function between the terminal and a base station and a relay communication function between a second wireless communication terminal and the base station, the according to claim 1, wherein the wireless communication terminal comprises comprising:

~~a baseband processor that demodulates a relay signal and modulates the demodulated relay signal; and~~

transmission rate setting means for setting a transmission rate for the relay communication based on a condition within a service area of the base station.

5. (currently amended) The wireless communication terminal according to claim ~~[[4]]~~1, wherein the transmission rate setting means changes the transmission rate in response to an instruction from the base station.

6. (cancelled)

7. (original) The wireless communication terminal according to claim 2, wherein the condition is the number of free time slots of the time division scheme of the wireless communication terminal.

8. (cancelled)